

*WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is proud to be the home of ethnically, culturally and racially diverse people who live and work here, contributing to our strength and vitality; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Seattle embraces legal equality and fair treatment for all residents, and values the contributions and personal dignity of all; and*

*WHEREAS, since 1975, the City of Seattle has legally protected its citizens from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and protected on the basis of gender identity in 1999; and*

*WHEREAS, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities are advocates for the equal rights of all people, speaking out against intolerance and discrimination, and helping to break down the walls of fear and prejudice in our city; and*

*WHEREAS, for the past 39 years, the LGBT community has built bridges among Seattle residents to create a city of extraordinary possibilities, with opportunity, freedom and respect for all; and*

*WHEREAS, this year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Riots – a movement that was a catalyst for the GLBT Civil Rights movement – and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Seattle's Gay Pride Parade; and*

*WHEREAS, families, friends and neighbors will gather to honor and recognize the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities for their leadership and their accomplishments, and to participate in the many festivities of Pride Week, culminating with the Pride Parade on June 28, 2009;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, hereby proclaim June 2009 to be*

## **LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH**

*in Seattle, and I urge citizens to join me in celebrating the spirit and dedication of this extraordinary community.*

*GREG NICKELS*  
*Mayor*